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The Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to his note SCPC/7/91/4-1 of 3 July 1991, has the honour to transmit the following information on the implementation of paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 700 (1991).

1. The Act on Prohibition of the Exportation of Military Equipment and Related Matters (1988:558), Section 2, prohibits export of military equipment without the permission of the Government of Sweden. It is an established policy that Sweden does not export arms to belligerent States or crises areas or areas where hostilities are likely to break out. No licences for export of military material to Iraq have been granted by the Government of Sweden since August 1990.

2. The Act concerning Prohibition of the Exportation of Certain Products which can be used for the Purpose of Mass Destruction (1991:341) gives the Government the right to control the export of equipment which can be used for manufacturing biological and chemical weapons and chemical precursors, as well as other dual-use items.

3. The Act concerning International Sanctions (1971:176) provides the Government with the authority to pass legislation based upon United Nations Security Council decisions or recommendations.

Consequently the Ordinance on Certain Sanctions against Iraq (1990:885) prohibits all export of commodities and products from Sweden to Iraq as well as measures and activities to promote prohibited acts.